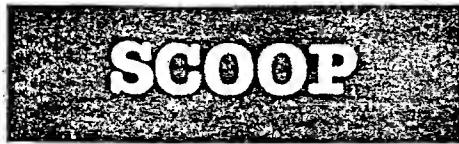


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And still more hard luck from India: Former Indian prime minister Morarji Desai suing Seymour Hersh and his publishers, Simon & Shuster, for libel. Desai, best known to television audiences here as the guy who said he drank his own urine, originally sued in May for \$100 million, although that amount has since been reduced. In his book, *The Price of Power: Kissinger in the Nixon White House*, Hersh claimed that during the Johnson and the early part of the Nixon administrations, Desai was selling confidential information to the CIA, while he was an official of the Indian government.

Although the trial date has not been set, lawyers on both sides are already busy (Henry Kissinger was deposed in August)—but no busier, apparently... than the Post's very own Bob Woodward, who has expressed what might be called a certain interest in the subject, and was seen lunching with Hersh.
